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IN THE MATTER OF:

IMPEACHMENT TRIAL OF VICE PRESIDENT SARA ZIMMERMAN DUTERTE **Case No. 004-2026**

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N O T I C E

Sirs/Mesdames:

Please take notice that on June 29, 2026 the Impeachment Court issued a Pre-Trial Order, copy hereto attached, in the above-entitled case.

By authority of the Impeachment Court:

Atty. Renato N. Bantug Jr.
Clerk of Court

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PRE-TRIAL ORDER

The case was called for Pre-Trial Conference on 18 June 2026 and subsequently on 22, 23, 24 and 25 June 2026, with the Clerk of Court, Atty. Renato N. Bantug, Jr. presiding, and the Deputy Clerks of Court, Attys. Ma. Valentina Cruz and Marivic Laurel Garcia assisting.

Rep. Gerville "Jinky Bitrics" Luistro appeared as lead counsel for the Prosecution and Atty. Sheila Sison as lead counsel for the Respondent.

The pre-trial proceedings were recorded and the transcript of stenographic notes form part of the official record of the impeachment trial.

SUMMARY OF ADMITTED FACTS

I. Undisputed Facts

The following facts are not disputed and require no further proof.

A. The Respondent, through counsel, admits the following proposed stipulations by the Prosecution in the latter's Pre-Trial Brief:[1]

1. All Matters Common to All Articles of Impeachment:

1.1. Respondent Vice-President Sara Z. Duterte is the same person referred to as the Respondent in the Articles of Impeachment.[2]

1.2. Respondent formally assumed office as the Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines on June 30, 2022.[3]

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[1] Respondent's Comment dated 22 June 2026.
[2] p. 1, Matters Common to All Articles, par. 1.1.
[3] par. 1.2.

2. Article I: Misuse and Misappropriation of Confidential Funds:

2.1. Atty. Zuleika Lopez is Respondent's Chief of Staff in the Office of the Vice-President (OVP), having assumed the position on July 26, 2022.[4]

2.2. On August 22, 2022, the OVP wrote a letter to then Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Amenah Pangandaman.[5]

2.3. In that letter, the OVP requested a total of P403.46 million for various purposes.[6]

2.4. In the said letter to the DBM, the OVP also requested for confidential funds in the amount of P250 million.[7]

2.5. The OVP had confidential funds in the amount of P125 million for the first quarter of 2023, which covers the period of February 6 to March 29, 2023.[8]

2.6. The OVP had confidential funds in the amount of P125 million for the second quarter of 2023, which covers the period April 25 to June 30, 2023.[9]

2.7. The OVP had confidential funds in the amount of P125 million for the third quarter of 2023, which covers the period of July 14 to September 30, 2023.[10]

2.8. Gina F. Acosta was the OVP Special Disbursing Officer (SDO) in relation to the OVP confidential funds for the fourth quarter of 2022, as well as the first, second, and third quarters of 2023.[11]

2.9. Mr. Lemuel Ortonio and Ms. Rosalynne Sanchez are signatories to Landbank Check No. 0000244027 dated December 20, 2022, Landbank Check No. 0000244053 dated January 31, 2023, Landbank Check No. 0000245511 dated April 18, 2023, and Landbank Check No. 0000245664 dated July 13, 2023, worth P125 million each, covering OVP confidential funds.[12]

3. Article II: Unexplained Wealth, False SALNs, and Continued Business Interests:

3.1. Respondent began her term as Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines on June 30, 2022.[13]

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[4] p. 2, Art. I, par. 2.1.
[5] par. 2.2.
[6] par 2.2.
[7] par 2.2.
[8] par. 2.9.1.
[9] par 2.9.2.
[10] par. 2.9.3.
[11] par. 2.10.
[12] p. 6, Art. I, par. 2.26.
[13] p. 7, Art. II, par. 2.3.

4. **Article III: Bribery and Corruption within the Department of Education:**

    4.1. Ms. Rhunna L. Catalan was the Chief Accountant of the DepEd in 2023.[14]

    4.2. Resty C. Osias assumed his office as Director V of the DepEd on January 17, 2023.[15]

    4.3. Usec. Gloria Jumamil-Mercado appeared and testified under oath before the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability (CGGPA) during the hearing conducted on September 25, 2024.[16]

    4.4. Dir. Resty Osias appeared and testified under oath before the CGGPA during the hearing conducted on October 17, 2024.[17]

    4.5. Ms. Rhunna Catalan appeared and testified under oath before the CGGPA during the hearing conducted on November 5, 2024.[18]

    4.6. SDO Edward Fajarda appeared and testified under oath before the CGGPA during the hearing conducted on November 25, 2024.[19]

5. **Article IV: Assassination Plot, Grave Threats, and Inciting to Sedition Against the Government:**

    5.1. On June 19, 2024, Respondent resigned as the Secretary of the Department of Education.[20]

B. The Prosecution admits the following proposed stipulations of the Respondent in the latter's Pre-Trial Brief:[21]

1. In said August 22, 2022 Letter to the DBM, the OVP also requested confidential funds in the amount of P250 Million "for and in consideration of the safe implementation of the various projects and activities under the Good Governance program and the conduct of official engagements and functional representation in international and domestic events as instructed by the President."[22]

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[14] p. 9, Art. III, par. 2.2.
[15] par. 2.4.
[16] par. 2.6.
[17] par. 2.7.
[18] par. 2.8.
[19] par. 2.9.
[20] p. 10, Art. IV, par. 2.8.
[21] Prosecution's Compliance and Manifestation with Request for Specification, dated 22 June 2026.
[22] p. 2, par. 3.

2. On December 20, 2022, the cash advance for the requested Confidential Fund was released under Land Bank of the Philippines Check No. 244027 in the amount of ₱125,000,000.00.[23]

3. On October 4, 2023, the OVP received the Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) No. 2023-211 dated September 14, 2023, and AOM No. 2023-213 dated October 3, 2023.[24]

4. In response to the AOM Nos. 2023-211 dated September 14, 2023 and 2023-213 dated October 3, 2023, the OVP submitted a letter to the Commission on Audit – Intelligence and Confidential Funds Audit Office (COA-ICFAO) on October 19, 2023.[25]

5. On November 30, 2023, the OVP submitted a supplemental letter to COA-ICFAO relative to AOM Nos. 2023-211 dated September 14, 2023 and 2023-213 dated October 3, 2023, "to further explain the propriety, validity, and regularity of all transactions related to said cash advance".[26]

6. On March 13, 2024, the OVP submitted a Letter-Response to the Notice of Suspension dated December 13, 2023.[27]

7. On August 9, 2024, the Respondent and Gina Acosta received the Notice of Disallowance No. 2024-002-100 (2022) dated August 8, 2024 disallowing the amount of ₱73,287,000.00 in confidential expenses of the OVP.[28]

8. On February 5, 2025, the Respondent, Gina Acosta and Julieta Villadelrey, filed an appeal of the said Notice of Disallowance No. 2024-002-100 (2022) dated August 8, 2024, through a Petition for Review with the COA Commission Proper seeking to reverse and set aside the Notice of Disallowance.[29]

9. The Respondent filed her Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth for the year 2022.[30]

10. The Respondent filed her Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth for the year 2023.[31]

11. The Respondent filed her Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth for the year 2024.[32]

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[23] p. 4, par. 11.
[24] p. 5, par. 16.
[25] p. 5, par. 17.
[26] p. 5, par. 18.
[27] p. 5, par. 20.
[28] p. 6, par. 22.
[29] p. 6, par. 24.
[30] p. 7, par. 33.
[31] par. 34.
[32] par. 35.

12. The Respondent filed her Statements of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth for the year 2025.[33]

13. The Respondent was not in public office in 2013, 2014, and 2015.[34]

14. On November 20, 2024, upon motion of then-Representative France L. Castro, the Committee on Good Government and Public Accountability (CGGPA, also known as the QuadComm) of the House of Representatives – 19th Congress cited in contempt Usec. Atty. Zuleika Lopez, Chief of Staff of the Office of the Vice President.[35]

II. Partial/Qualified Admissions

The following are partially admitted with qualification or modification:

A. By the Respondent on the proposed stipulations of fact by the Prosecution

1. Respondent Vice President Sara Z. Duterte is the same person referred to as the Respondent in the Articles of Impeachment.[36]

2. Respondent held the position of Secretary of the Department of Education from June 30, 2022 until July 19, 2024.[37]

3. A line item for confidential funds to the OVP in the amount of ₱500 Million, and to the DepEd in the amount of ₱150 Million, was included in the National Expenditure Program for Fiscal Year 2023, which the DBM submitted to Congress.[38]

B. By the Prosecution on the proposed stipulations of fact by the Respondent

1. On August 22, 2022, the Office of the Vice President (OVP) wrote to then-Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Amenah Pangandaman.[39]

2. In the same August 22, 2022 Letter to DBM, the OVP requested a total of ₱403.46 Million for various purposes.[40]

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[33] p. 7, par. 36.
[34] par. 37.
[35] p. 9, par. 47.
[36] Respondent's Comment dated 22 June 2026, p. 1, Matters Common to All Articles, par. 1.1.
[37] p. 2, Matters Common to All Articles, par. 1.3.
[38] p. 3, Art. I, par. 2.7.
[39] Prosecution's Compliance and Manifestation with Request for Specification, dated 22 June 2026, pp. 1-2, par. 1.
[40] p. 2, par. 2.

3. On September 15, 2022, the DBM sent a Letter to the OVP addressed to Usec. Zuleika Lopez, Chief of Staff of the OVP, requesting for the submission of the Physical and Financial Plan.[41]

4. On September 19, 2022, the OVP wrote a Letter to the DBM addressed to Dir. Delos Santos and submitted the Physical and Financial Plan.[42]

5. DBM issued a Memorandum recommending the approval of the OVP request in the amount of ₱221.424 Million.[43]

6. There exists a Special Allotment Release Order No. SARO-BMB-C-22-0012004.[44]

7. On December 13, 2023, COA issued a Notice of Suspension for the entire amount of ₱125 million.[45]

8. Miss Julieta Villadelrey is the OVP Chief Accountant.[46]

9. Former Usec. Gloria Jumamil-Mercado was the Human Resource and Organizational Development Head of Procuring Entity of the Department of Education (DepEd).[47]

MARKING OF EXHIBITS

For purposes of identification, the parties marked their respective documentary and object evidence.

1. For the Prosecution

Article I. **"P-I-1-a"** to **"P-I-27-a"**
Article II. **"P-II-1"** to **"P-II-10-1-z"**
Article III. **"P-III-1"** to **"P-III-14"**
Article IV. **"P-IV-1"** to **"P-IV-31"**

2. For the Respondent

Article I. **"D-I-1"** to **"D-I-145-n"**
Article II. **"D-II-1"** to **"D-II-138-s"**
Article III. **"D-III-1"** to **"D-III-12"**
Article IV. **"D-IV-1"** to **"D-IV-67"**

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[41] p. 2, par. 4.
[42] p. 3, par. 5.
[43] p. 3, par. 6.
[44] p. 4, par. 9.
[45] p. 5, par. 19.
[46] p. 6, par. 23.
[47] p. 8, par. 43.

The Impeachment Court notes that there are documentary/object evidence common to both parties but Respondent requested separate markings on different copies of the same.

The manifestations made by the parties during the marking of the documentary/object evidence as to whether the documents are original copies, certified true copies, photocopies, printouts, as well as any stipulation made on whether the photocopies are faithful reproductions of the originals, are recorded in the transcript of the pre-trial conference.

Unless otherwise expressly manifested, the marking is without prejudice to the parties' objections to the admissibility or relevance of the evidence marked.

Both parties reserved the marking and presentation of other documentary/object evidence as stated in their respective pre-trial briefs. The Clerk of the Impeachment Court, in coordination with the parties, shall schedule additional dates for purposes of marking other documentary/object evidence properly reserved by both parties and those produced by virtue of subpoena duces tecum or allowed to be presented by this Court, as well as for purposes of correction of clerical errors and marking of original or certified true copies in place of photocopies already marked.

STATEMENT OF ISSUES

Consistent with Section XXI of the Rules of Procedure on Impeachment Trials, the ultimate issues to be decided by this court are as follows:

A. Whether or not respondent Vice President Sara Zimmerman Duterte is guilty of Culpable Violation of the Constitution, Graft and Corruption, and Betrayal of Public Trust under Article I of the Articles of Impeachment;

B. Whether or not respondent Vice President Sara Zimmerman Duterte is guilty of Culpable Violation of the Constitution and Betrayal of Public Trust under Article II of the Articles of Impeachment;

C. Whether or not respondent Vice President Sara Zimmerman Duterte is guilty of Bribery, Graft and Corruption, Culpable Violation of the Constitution, and Betrayal of Public Trust under Article III of the Articles of Impeachment; and

D. Whether or not respondent Vice President Vice President Sara Zimmerman Duterte is guilty of Culpable Violation of the Constitution, High Crimes, and Betrayal of Public Trust under Article IV of the Articles of Impeachment.

WITNESSES TO BE PRESENTED

A. FOR THE PROSECUTION

The Prosecution has proposed the presentation of the following witnesses:

1. Marivic Pareja (Article I)
2. Amenah Pangandaman/ DBM Representative (Article I)
3. Roderick Wamil / COA Representative (Article I)
4. Edward Fajarda (Article I)
5. Col. Raymund Dante Lachica (Article I)
6. Lt. Col. Dennis D. Nolasco (Article I)
7. Atty. Michael Wesley Poa (Article I)
8. Undersecretary Nolasco Mempin (Article I)
9. Nenita Camposano (Article I)
10. Gina F. Acosta (Article I)
11. Julieta Villadelrey (Article I)
12. Rosalynne Sanchez (Article I)
13. Lemuel G. Ortonio (Article I)
14. Violeta Constantino (Article I)
15. Ramil L. Madriaga (Article I)
16. Richard Babagay (Article I)
17. Caroline Moldez-Pitoy (Article I)
18. Atty. Reynold Munsayac (Article I)
19. Atty. Aurea Quilala (Article I)
20. Marizza Grande (Article I)
21. Former ISAFP Officer or other intelligence operations expert (Article I)
22. Commissioner Douglas Malilin/Nilda Plaras/Gloria Camora (Article I)
23. Lt. Col. Manaros M. Boransing II/ Lt. Col. Magtangol Panopio/ Lt. Col. Carlos Sangdaan Jr./ Maj. Gen. Adonis Bajao / AFP Representatives (Article I)
24. Atty. Zuleika Tanglao Lopez (Article I)
25. Mary Grace Piattos (Article I)
26. Corroborative witness (Article I)
27. Alleged recipients of OVP/DepEd confidential funds (whose names appear in the OVP and DepEd recipient list but who never actually received any funds) (Article I)
28. Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Representative (Article II)
29. Department of Budget and Management/Commission on Audit Representative (Article II)
30. Atty. Gerardo F. Del Rosario/ SEC Representative (Article II)
31. Land Registration Authority/ Land Transportation Office Representative (Article II)
32. Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla/Atty. Karen S. Batu/ Office of the Ombudsman Representative (Article II)
33. Civil Service Commission (CSC) Representative (Article II)
34. Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) Executive Director Ronel U. Buenaventura/ AMLC Representative (Article II)
35. Financial Forensic Analyst/s (Article II)
36. Bank Representatives (Article II)
37. Antonio Trillanes IV (Article II)
38. Philippine National Police Firearms and Explosives Office (PNP FEO) Representative (Article II)

39. Firearms Dealer (Article II)
40. Representatives from franchising companies such as Jollibee (Article II)
41. Melchor Carandang (Article II)
42. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Representative (Article II)
43. Gloria Jumamil Mercado (Article III)
44. Resty Osias (Article III)
45. Wilma Ecalnir /Accountant from DepEd (Article III)
46. Edward D. Fajarda (Article III)
47. DepEd Representatives(at least eight) (Article III)
48. Belinda Bello (Article IV)
49. Jeremy Lotoc (Article IV)
50. John Mark Calilung (Article IV)
51. Atty. Melvin Matibag (Article IV)
52. Philippine National Police Firearms and Explosives Office Representative (Article IV)
53. Mikhail Flores (Article IV)
54. Bonz Magsambol (Article IV)
55. Sheriff Abe Andres (Article IV)
56. Family member of a victim of threats (Article IV)
57. Psychiatrist (Article IV)

The Prosecution reserved the right to present additional or substitute witnesses as the circumstances may warrant.

B. FOR THE RESPONDENT

The Respondent has proposed the presentation of the following witnesses:

1. Ramil Madriaga
2. The Notaries Public who notarized the Affidavit dated November 29, 2025 and Supplemental Affidavit dated April 11, 2026 of Ramil Madriaga
3. Ms. Marivic Pareja and/or a representative, official, and/or employee, whether former or current, of the Legislative Archives and Museum Management Service, HOR
4. Atty. Melvin Matibag and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the NBI
5. Judge Jaime B. Santiago (Ret.) and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the NBI
6. Asst. Director Glenn Ricarte and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the NBI
7. Ms. Carolyn Moldez-Pitoy and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the NBI's Questioned Documents Division
8. Mr. Antonio Magbojos and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the NBI's Questioned Documents Division
9. Ms. Marizza Grande and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the Philippine Statistics Authority

10. Atty. Gloria Camora and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the Commission on Audit's Intelligence and Confidential Funds Audit Office
11. Lucas P. Bersamin and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the Office of the Executive Secretary
12. Amenah F. Pangandaman and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, of the Department of Budget and Management
13. Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, from the Office of the Ombudsman
14. Executive Director Ronel Buenaventura and/or at least two (2) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, of the Anti-Money Laundering Council
15. Antonio F. Trillanes IV
16. The Notary Public who notarized the Sinumpaang Salaysay dated April 21, 2026 of Antonio Trillanes IV
17. Director Gerardo Del Rosario and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, from the Securities and Exchange Commission
18. Commissioner Charlito Martin Mendoza and/or a representative, official and/or employee, whether former or current, from the BIR
19. Gloria Jumamil-Mercado
20. Agent John Mark Calilung of the NBI
21. SA Jeremy Lotoc of the NBI
22. SRA Homer Angluben of the NBI
23. Atty. Al Matthew Umali of the NBI
24. Atty. Ria Vanessa Asuncion of the NBI
25. Atty. Yentl Malicad of the NBI
26. At least two (2) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, of the Office of the Ombudsman – Mindanao
27. At least six (6) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, of the City Government of Davao City
28. At least two (2) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, of the Office of the President
29. At least five (5) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the COA
30. At least seven (7) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the DepEd
31. At least seven (7) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the OVP
32. At least five (5) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the Vice-Presidential Security and Protection Group
33. At least two (2) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the DOJ

34. At least two (2) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the NBI
35. At least two (2) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the Land Transportation Office
36. At least two (2) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology
37. At least five (5) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, of other National Government Agencies
38. At least five (5) representatives, directors, officers, owners, and/or employees, whether former or current, from the corporations, entities or businesses listed in Respondent's SALNs
39. At least three (3) representatives, officials and/or employees, whether former or current, of the Civil Service Commission
40. At least five (5) representatives and/or employees and/or investigative journalists, whether current or former, of media outlets, and/or social media news outlets
41. At least five (5) expert witnesses
42. At least three (3) forensic accountants
43. Notaries public
44. Signatories and/or witnesses
45. Witnesses who will controvert, refute, and/or disprove any and all testimonial, object, and/or documentary evidence that will be presented by the prosecution during the course of trial.

The Respondent reserved the right to present additional controverting evidence and to disclose the identities and other details of Respondent's other witnesses for security and safety reasons at the appropriate time.

C. COMMON WITNESSES

Based on the submitted Pre-Trial Briefs, the following will be witnesses for both parties:

1. Ramil Madriaga
2. Marivic Pareja
3. National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) Director, Atty. Melvin Matibag
4. Carolyn Moldez-Pitoy (NBI)
5. Marizza Grande (Philippine Statistics Authority)
6. Atty. Gloria Camora (Commission on Audit)
7. Amenah F. Pangandaman
8. Ombudsman Jesus Crispin Remulla
9. Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC) Executive Director Ronel Buenaventura
10. Antonio F. Trillanes IV
11. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Director, Atty. Gerardo del Rosario
12. Gloria Jumamil-Mercado

13. John Mark Calilung (NBI)
14. Jeremy Lotoc (NBI)
15. Representative/s from the Commission on Audit
16. Representative/s from the Land Transportation Office (LTO)
17. Representative/s from the Civil Service Commission (CSC)

The examination of witnesses shall be conducted in open court, unless otherwise ordered by the Impeachment Court.

The testimony of the witness shall be completed on the scheduled date of hearing allotted to said witness under the One-Day Examination of Witness Rule. The Court however has the discretion to extend the direct and/or cross-examination of witnesses for good cause shown.

NUMBER OF TRIAL DAYS AND ORDER OF PRESENTATION

Trial shall commence on July 6 and shall be held at 2:00 in the afternoon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays until July 27, 2026. Thereafter, trial shall be held at 3:00 in the afternoon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until its termination.

Trial shall proceed based on the calendar earlier distributed to the parties. The proposed number of trial dates is sixty two (62) for the Prosecution, and thirty (30) for the Respondents.

In *Tanenggee v. People,*[48] the Supreme Court ruled that: "The prosecution has the prerogative to choose the evidence or the witnesses it wishes to present. It has the discretion as to how it should present its case". Accordingly, the order of presentation of evidence[49] and their corresponding trial dates,[50] as proposed by the Prosecution, shall be as follows:

1	Article IV: Assassination Plot, Grave Threats, and Inciting Sedition Against the Government	11 trial dates
2	Article I: Misuse and Misappropriation of Confidential Funds	31 trial dates
3	Article III: Bribery and Corruption within the Department of Education	8 trial dates
4	Article II: Unexplained Wealth, False SALNs, and Continued Business Interests	12 trial dates

[48] G.R. No. 179448, June 26, 2013, 699 SCRA 639
[49] Prosecution's Compliance and Manifestation with Request for Specification, dated 22 June 2026.
[50] Transcript of Stenographic Notes (TSN) dated 18 June 2026, p. 42.

The above order of presentation shall be maintained unless modified by the prosecution through a manifestation and subject to the approval of the Impeachment Court.

The parties are directed to be ready on the scheduled trial dates with their witnesses and evidence, in accordance with this Pre-Trial Order and subsequent issuances by the Impeachment Court.

OTHER MATTERS

The Prosecution, in its *Manifestation with Proposal on Certain Additional Trial Matters* dated 24 June 2026 ("24 June 2026 Manifestation"), and the Respondent, in its *Comment* dated 26 June 2026 (26 June 2026 Comment), agreed on the following matters:

A. Language during Trial

The parties shall use Filipino and English in the conduct of trial, subject to the Court's control of proceedings and the availability of interpretation as may be necessary.

B. Reciprocal Witness Disclosure

The Prosecution manifested that it is amenable to disclosure by both parties of the identities of their intended witnesses at least three (3) calendar days prior to their scheduled presentation before the Impeachment Court.[51] Respondent counter-proposes disclosure within a period of five (5) days prior to presentation,[52] citing the Respondent's right to due process. It likewise requests that Prosecution be directed to disclose, by July 3, 2025, the names of its witnesses to be presented during the trial on July 6, 2026.

Considering that the Prosecution has signified its agreement to disclosure at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled presentation and that July 3, 2026 falls within the said period, the Prosecution is directed to furnish the Court and the Respondent of the list of its witnesses for presentation on July 6, 7, and 8, 2026.

REVIEW OF PRE-TRIAL ORDER

The parties are directed to review this Pre-Trial Order and submit their Comments, if any, within three (3) calendar days from receipt hereof. Thereafter, no correction shall be allowed and this Order shall control the subsequent course of the trial of this case, unless modified by the Court to ensure the fair, orderly, and expeditious conduct of the proceedings; promote the efficient presentation of evidence; clarify or simplify issues; prevent undue confusion or prejudice; or to otherwise serve the best interests of justice.

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[51] Prosecution's Manifestation with Proposal on Certain Additional Pre-Trial Matters, dated 24 June 2026, p.2, item 2.
[52] Respondent's Comment [Re: Prosecution's Compliance and Manifestation with Request for Specification], dated 26 June 2026, p.25, "Reliefs", item (b).

SO ORDERED.

Issued this **29th** day of June 2026 at Pasay City, Philippines.

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Presiding Officer

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